

IC 20-24-5

Chapter 5. Student Admissions and Enrollment

IC 20-24-5-1

Nonconversion charter schools open to all Indiana students

Sec. 1. Except as provided in this chapter, a charter school that is not a conversion charter school must be open to any student who resides in Indiana.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.8.

IC 20-24-5-2

Attendance at charter school outside district of residence

Sec. 2. (a) A student may attend a charter school outside the district in which the student resides if the student's parent determines that an academic program at the charter school would enhance the student's academic opportunities.

(b) If the governing body of the school corporation in which the student resides determines that a transfer would not improve the student's academic opportunities, the governing body may appeal to the state board. Not later than forty-five (45) days after receiving the appeal, the state board shall conduct a hearing and decide whether to uphold or reverse the parent's decision to enroll the student in the charter school.

(c) During the state board's consideration, the parents of the student may testify, but the governing body has the burden of proof for demonstrating that the charter school does not provide additional or unique academic opportunities that exceed those available at the school corporation.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.8.

IC 20-24-5-3

Conversion charter schools; students residing in and outside local school corporation

Sec. 3. Except as provided in this chapter, a conversion charter school must be open to any student residing in the local school corporation. By joint agreement of the sponsor and organizer, a conversion charter school may enroll students residing outside the local school corporation.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.8.

IC 20-24-5-4

Admission policies

Sec. 4. Except as provided in this chapter, a charter school may not establish admission policies or limit student admissions in any manner in which a public school is not permitted to establish admission policies or limit student admissions.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.8.

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Limits on attendance

Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), and (d), a charter school must enroll any eligible student who submits a timely application for enrollment.

(b) This subsection applies if the number of applications for a program, class, grade level, or building exceeds the capacity of the program, class, grade level, or building. If a charter school receives a greater number of applications than there are spaces for students, each timely applicant must be given an equal chance of admission.

(c) A charter school may limit new admissions to the charter school to:

(1) ensure that a student who attends the charter school during a school year may continue to attend the charter school in subsequent years; and

(2) allow the siblings of a student who attends a charter school to attend the charter school.

(d) This subsection applies to an existing school that converts to a charter school under IC 20-24-11. During the school year in which the existing school converts to a charter school, the charter school may limit admission to:

(1) those students who were enrolled in the charter school on the date of the conversion; and

(2) siblings of students described in subdivision (1).

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.8.